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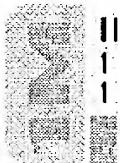
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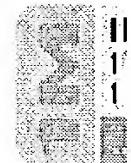
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Ontario Hydro, Toronto, Ont., Canada ;

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**Abstract:**

Laboratory loadbreak testing of 25 kV class separable insulated connectors **switching** reliability achieved in the field will vary between 93.5% and 99.9% on the type of tool used, the condition of the connector system, the circuit voltage loading, and **ground** plane proximity. A survey of user reliability requirement that a reliability of at least 99.7% is needed to retain separable connector **switching** as a viable means of providing URD flexibility. It is concluded that in order to maintain required reliability for **live switching**, the best operating tools and the best separable connector system components must be used

**Index Terms:**

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6718472 B1

TITLE: System for suspending power to a field replaceable unit upon receiving fault signal and automatically reapplying power thereto after the replacement unit is secured in position

Detailed Description Text (6):

Some of the devices, including an Ethernet (E-NET) interface 28 and a Small Computer System Interface (SCSI) interface 29, are permanently connected to the device bus 22, but other I/O devices such as I/O devices 30, 31 and 32 can be hot insertable into individual switched slots 33, 34 and 35. Dynamic field effect transistor (FET) switching can be provided for the slots 33, 34 and 35 to enable hot insert ability of the devices such as devices 30, 31 and 32. The provision of the FETs enables an increase in the length of the D bus 22 as only those devices which are active are switched on, reducing the effective total bus length. It will be appreciated that the number of I/O devices which may be connected to the D bus 22, and the number of slots provided for them, can be adjusted according to a particular implementation in accordance with specific design requirements.

Detailed Description Text (53):

FIG. 12 is a circuit diagram of main power control logic 650. This shows a power switch 682 in the form of a semiconductor device (here an N-channel field effect transistor), and a switch control circuit 670 for controlling the power switch 682. The switch control circuit 670 includes an input 672 connected to the debounced interlock signal line 664, a power input 680 connected to the main power line 660, a gate output 678 connected to a gate of the switch 682, a ground connection 676 connected to ground and a sense input 674 connected to a power overload sensing circuit 684. The switch control circuit 670 also includes enable, shut down and status connections that are not relevant to an understanding of the present invention.

Detailed Description Text (66):

Subsequently, in Step S20, a maintenance engineer will remove the PCI carrier assembly 216 from the chassis 200. This will involve opening the injector lever 542, which in turn opens the microswitch 540. This results in the interlock signal line 536 no longer being tied to ground, whereby the removal of the interlock signal can be detected by the switch control circuit 670 of the main power control logic 650 via the debounce logic 652. The standby power control logic 652 is also responsive to removal of the interlock signal on opening the microswitch 540 to cut the supply of standby power on line 626/526 to the non-volatile memory 230.

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ABSTRACT:

A power sub-system controls a supply of power to a field replaceable unit for electronic equipment. The power sub-system includes a power controller that is arranged, in response to the detection of a fault, to switch off the supply of power to a field replaceable unit. The power controller is then responsive to a sequence of two events to switch on the supply of power to the field replaceable unit. The first event is a first change in state of an interlock signal indicative of the field replaceable unit being released. The second event is a change of state of the interlock signal indicative of a field replaceable unit being secured in position. Automatic power management can thus provided with requiring a maintenance engineer to restore power manually, this being achievable simply by the removal and replacement of the field replaceable unit. The field replaceable unit includes an interlock mechanism for locking the field replaceable unit in the electronic equipment. An interlock switch is operated by the interlock mechanism and causes an interlock signal line to be connected to a source of the predetermined potential when the interlock mechanism locks the field replaceable unit in the electronic equipment. It is changes on the interlock signal line that are detected by the power controller.

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Jul 27, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5930110 A

TITLE: Computer system having detachable expansion unit

Detailed Description Text (90):

More specifically, the system BIOS saves a system status (e.g., the contents of the register of the CPU 111 or various I/O registers) necessary for resuming the operating system or an application program which is being executed in a main memory 113 and also stores a suspend flag representing a suspend state in the backed-up CMOS memory of a real-time clock 120, and a HOT-INS flag representing that the portable computer 1 is docked in a power ON state (hot insertion) in a predetermined memory of the deskstation interface 117. The system BIOS issues a dock power OFF command to the power supply controller 123 (step C11). The dock power OFF command is a command for designating to temporarily power off the portable computer 1 for docking and set a suspend state and is sent to the portable computer 1 through the communication register of the deskstation interface 117.

Detailed Description Text (202):

The control unit 56 of the deskstation main body 5 in FIG. 13 is constituted by a microprocessor for controlling the expansion unit main body (DS) 5. In this case, a power switch ON command for designating the ON/OFF operation of the power supply, which is input by operating the control key 57, is sent to the deskstation interface 404 shown in FIG. 15, and at the same time, the power supply (PS) 59 is controlled to apply three DC power supply voltages (PV) to internal circuits. In this embodiment, when the control key 57 is operated, a power supply control line which is pulled up in advance is shorted to the ground line to output a power switch ON command for designating the ON/OFF operation of the power supply. A designation for turning on the switches S1 to S3 may be sent to the driver 66 in accordance with this control key.

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## [54] HOT SWAP CONTROL CIRCUIT

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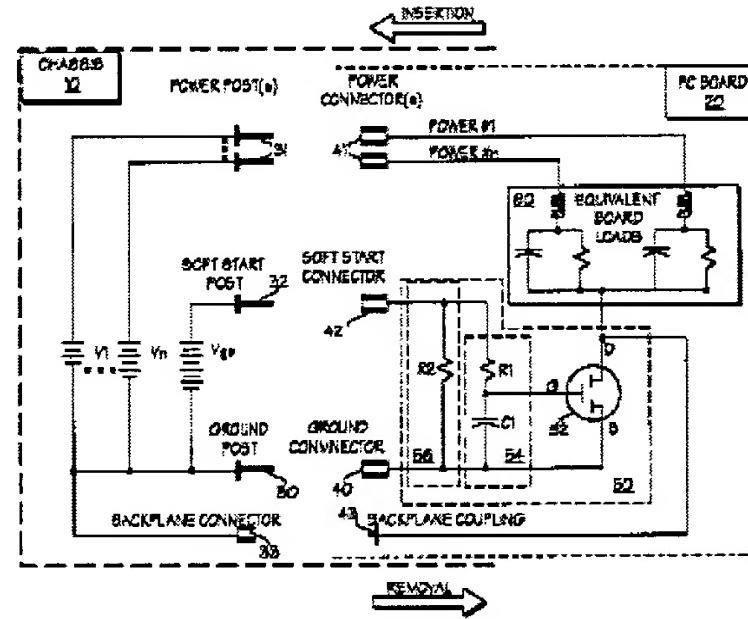
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## [57] ABSTRACT

A circuit board having a load is inserted into a chassis of a digital system while the system remains in operation. During insertion, a ground potential is provided to the circuit board. Next, one or more voltage potentials are provided, however, no electrical path is provided from the voltage potentials, through the load, to ground. An enhancement voltage is provided to the circuit board, allowing the load to charge. Finally, a backplane is connected to the circuit board after the load has charged. The circuit board includes a soft start circuit that allows the load to charge gradually after the enhancement voltage is provided. In one embodiment, the soft start circuit includes an RC circuit connected to a switch which gradually turns on as the RC circuit charges, thereby providing an electrical path from the circuit board load to ground through the switch. The switch may be a MOSFET. Once the circuit board load is charged, connecting the backplane bypasses the MOSFET, thereby eliminating nearly all quiescent current flow through, and associated power dissipation in, the MOSFET. The circuit board is extracted from the chassis of the digital system by first disconnecting the backplane. When this occurs, the MOSFET is no longer bypassed by the backplane connection and quiescent current again flows through the MOSFET. Next, the enhancement voltage is removed, allowing the MOSFET to gradually turn off as the RC circuit discharges, thereby removing the electrical path from the load to ground. The voltage and ground potential are then removed.

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (10):

The circuit board includes a soft start circuit to allow the circuit board to charge gracefully after the enhancement voltage is provided. In one embodiment, the soft start circuit includes an RC circuit which charges over a predetermined time after the enhancement voltage is provided. The RC circuit is connected to a switch which gradually turns on as the RC circuit charges, thereby providing an electrical path from the circuit board load to ground.



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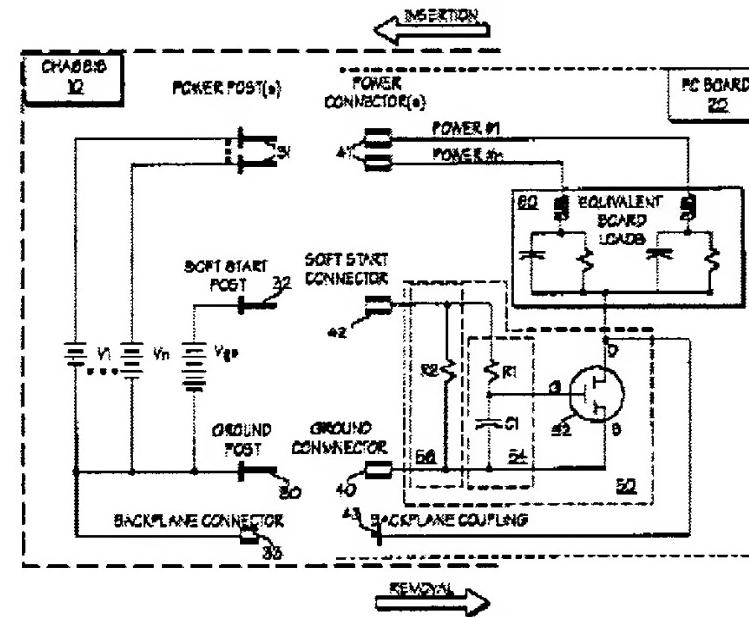
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TITLE: Mobile computer mounted apparatus for controlling enablement and indicating operational status of a wireless communication device associated with the mobile computer

Detailed Description Text (5):

When the switch 210 is in a second position, the first pole 220 electrically connects the enable signal line 250 to ground 260. Connecting the enable signal line 250 to ground 260 causes the CPU 110 to disable power to the PCMCIA cards 180 and 181 via the power and interface connectors 130 and 140, respectively.

Furthermore, when the switch 210 is in the second position, the second pole 230 electrically connects the power bus 200 to ground 260 thereby removing power to transmitters 190 located in the PCMCIA card 181 and embedded wireless communication device 150.

Current US Original Classification (1):710/301

## CLAIMS:

2. The apparatus recited in claim 1, wherein the circuitry for enabling the wireless communication device when the switch is in the first position and disabling the wireless communication device when the switch is in the second position electrically connects a radio frequency power bus of the wireless communication device to supply power when the switch is in the first position and electrically connects the radio frequency power bus of the wireless communication device to ground when the switch is in the second position.

4. The apparatus recited in claim 3, wherein the circuitry for enabling the wireless communication device when the switch is in the first position and disabling the wireless communication device when the switch is in the second position electrically connects an enable signal line of a central processing unit of the mobile computer to supply power when the switch is in the first position, the central processing unit connecting supply power to the PCMCIA card in response thereto, and electrically connects the enable signal line of the central processing unit of the mobile computer to ground when the switch is in the second position, the central processing unit disconnecting supply power to the PCMCIA card in response thereto.

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TITLE: Hot pluggable motherboard bus connection method

Detailed Description Text (2):

FIG. 1 shows a basic circuit structure of the present invention. An IC card 1 connects to a motherboard 2 via a connector circuit 21 located on the motherboard 2. The ground bus of the IC card 1 is connected to the ground bus 28 of the motherboard 2 during insertion of the card into connector 21. A controller 25 controls switches 22 and 23 located between connector 21 and general purpose signal bus 26 and power bus 27, respectively, so that the switches are closed as follows. When IC card insertion detector 30 detects that an IC card 1 has been physically inserted into a connector 21 by, for example, monitoring power supply current, (see FIG. 2 step S1), the controller 25 closes the switch 23 (steps S2 to S4 as will be fully described below) to connect the motherboard power bus 27 to the IC card 1. Finally, the controller 25 closes the switch 22 (step S5) to connect the motherboard general signal bus 26 to the IC card 1.

Detailed Description Text (5):

The controller 25 also controls the switches 22 and 23 in the following manner when IC Card removal initiator 40 detects that the user wishes to physically remove an IC card 1 from the motherboard 2 (see step S6 of FIG. 3). The switches are caused to open in a certain order, specifically, the reverse order to the order in which they were closed when the IC card was first connected to the motherboard connector 21. More specifically, first the general signal bus switch 22 is opened (step S7), and then the power bus switch 23 is opened (step S8). Then, an indication is given to the user that it is alright to physically disconnect the card 1 from the motherboard connector 21 (step S9) by way of user signal 50. The ground connection is disconnected when the card is physically removed by the user.

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## ABSTRACT:

A method of connecting an IC card to a motherboard involves first connecting the ground busses, then the power busses and finally the general signal busses. When the power busses are connected, a low current is allowed to flow initially, then, a predetermined period of time is allowed to elapse for equalization of IC card and motherboard voltages, then a full current is allowed to flow. A method of disconnecting an IC card from a motherboard involves first disconnecting the general signal busses, then the power busses and finally the ground busses.

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